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Foreign Patent Applications

AA. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 06-098349

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- AC. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 06-086314
- AD. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 07-182481
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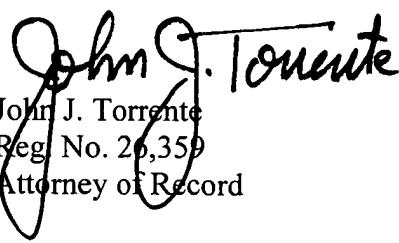
All of the above references were cited in a Japanese Office Action issued in Japanese Patent Application No. Hei 07-187434, from which the subject application claims priority. Copies of each of the above applications are enclosed, as well as English language abstracts thereof. No monetary amount is required for filing this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) based upon the filing of the Statement concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. However, authorization is granted to charge our deposit account no. 18-1644 for any fees, if necessary, for entry of this statement.

Also enclosed in duplicate is an accompanying form equivalent to PTO-1449, listing the art cited by applicants. The Examiner is respectfully requested to mark on one copy of the enclosed form that the Examiner has reviewed the listed documents and return the marked copy to applicants' undersigned attorney at the below-listed address.

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